

Amendment and Response

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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method of automated posting of an image printed to a printer, the method comprising:
transferring an image to a printer; and
printing the image on the printer and automatically posting the image to a network site via the printer in response to receiving the image.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising defining a communication path between the network site and the printer.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein defining a communication path includes defining a network communication link including an Internet communication link.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein defining the communication path between the network site and the printer includes registering the network site with the printer.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein defining the communication path includes registering the network site with the printer, and wherein registering the network site includes defining the network site to be a website.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein defining the communication path further includes defining a unique address associated with the website, and registering the website address with the printer.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein defining the website address includes defining the unique address associated with the website as an IP address.

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8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein defining the communication path between the network site and the printer includes defining the printer to include a posting system controller and a web access mechanism, including a network interface.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the printer automatically posts the image to the network site via the posting system controller and the web access mechanism.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein transferring the image to the printer includes the printer receiving the image via a cable link, a wireless link, CD ROM, or a removable memory.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the printer receiving the image includes removing the removable memory from a digital camera and inserting the removable memory into the printer.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the printer receiving the image via the removable memory includes defining the printer to include a removable memory port, and wherein the printer receiving the image includes receiving the image via the removable memory port.
14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein automatically posting the image to the network site includes registering the printer with the network site.
15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein registering the printer with the network site includes defining a printer network address, and wherein defining the printer network address includes defining a unique address associated with the printer and registering the printer network address with the network site.

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16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein defining the network address includes defining the unique address associated with the printer as an IP address.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the printer automatically posting the image to the network site includes defining a posting criterion, and wherein defining the posting criterion includes defining posting options for posting the image to the network site.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein defining the posting criterion further includes defining a sender interface, and wherein defining the posting criterion includes defining the posting criterion via the sender interface.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein defining the posting options includes at least one of registering sender information, network information, printing options, and posting options.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein registering the printer with the network site includes registering a sender to post the image to the network site.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein registering the sender information includes providing a username and a password of the sender, and the printer network address for the printer.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein defining the network site to be a website includes selecting the website via a sender interface and registering the website with the printer via the sender interface.

23. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein registering the printing options includes selecting at least one of a file format input, a file format output, a print medium size, a print medium type, a number of copies, a printing layout, a color printing option, and a finishing option.

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24. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein registering the posting options includes selecting at least one of a delivery, a method, a gallery, an image size, and attributes.

25. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein automatically posting the image to the network site includes sending an e-mail to the network site with the image as an attachment.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the printer automatically posting the image to the network site includes defining the posting of the image to the network site as a direct transfer via a File Transfer Protocol (FTP).

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the printer automatically posting the image to the network site includes defining the posting of the image to the network site as a direct transfer via Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

28. (Previously Presented) A system for automated posting of an image sent to a printer to a network site, the system comprising:

a printer configured to receive the image for printing and print the image and automatically post the image to a website according to a predefined posting criterion in response to receiving the image.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the printer includes a removable memory port.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the printer includes a posting system controller, an embedded web access mechanism and a sender interface allowing the printer to automatically post the image to the website.

31. (Original) The system of claim 30, wherein the posting system controller includes a processor, a memory, device-specific hardware, and input/output circuitry; wherein

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embedded web access mechanism includes a printer web page, a printer web server, and a network interface.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the embedded web access mechanism allows the printer to communicate with the network site regardless of the network site's operating platform.

33. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the printer web server is adapted to generate the printer web page, wherein the printer web page is configured to provide the sender interface, and wherein the sender interface is configured to provide a control communications link to the posting system controller for defining a posting criterion.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the printer is configured to communicate with the website via a network communications link for automatically posting the image to the network site.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the sender interface includes a field for defining posting criterion.

36. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the sender interface posting criterion includes at least one of a delivery option, a gallery option, and an image size field.

37. (Previously Presented) A system for automated posting of an image sent to a printer to a network site, the system comprising:

a printer including a system memory having predefined posting criterion stored therein, and a system controller configured to receive the image and print the image and automatically post the image to a website according to the predefined posting criterion in response to receiving the image.

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38. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of automated posting of an image to a network site, the method comprising:

transferring an image to a printer; and

printing the image on the printer and automatically posting the image to a network site via the printer in response to receiving the image.

39. (Previously Presented) A sender interface for use in automatically posting an image, which is printed to a printer, to a network site, comprising:

printing options for selecting print criterion for printing the image on the printer in response to receiving the image for printing; and

posting options for selecting posting criterion for posting the image from the printer to the network site in response to receiving the image for printing.

40. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the printing options include at least one of a file format input, a file format output, a print medium size, a print medium type, a number of copies, a print layout, a color printing option, and a finishing option field.

41. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the posting options include at least one of a delivery, a gallery, and an image size field.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 39, further comprising at least one of a sender information category that identifies the sender and a network information category that allows registration of the network site with the printer.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein automatically posting the image to the network site includes posting the image to the network site via a network communications link according to a predefined posting criterion.

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44. (Previously Presented) A printer for automated posting of an image to a network site, the printer comprising:

an embedded web access mechanism including a printer web page, a printer web server, and a network interface configured to communicate with the network site regardless of the network site's operating platform;

a posting system controller configured to receive an image and print the image and automatically post the image to a website according to a predefined posting criterion in response to receiving the image, the posting system controller including a processor, a memory, device-specific hardware, and input/output circuitry; and

a sender interface;

wherein the printer web server is adapted to generate the printer web page, wherein the printer web page is configured to provide the sender interface, and wherein the sender interface is configured to provide a control communications link to the posting system controller for defining the posting criterion.